

# Hoosier Rx helps Pay for Prescriptions



Senior Health Insurance  
Information Program

## Ask SHIIP

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**Q:** My wife and I are struggling to pay for our monthly prescription bill of \$300 per month. Our combined monthly income is only \$1200. I saw an ad for a Hoosier Rx card. Can it help my wife and I?

**A:** Hoosier Rx is a state prescription assistance program funded by the Tobacco Settlement Funds. It was created in 2000 by the late Governor Frank O'Bannon and the Indiana Legislature. Currently, Hoosier Rx has 17,000 Indiana seniors signed up and would like to sign up 13,000 more!

There is no cost to enroll or participate, but you must meet certain eligibility requirements:

- ✓ Indiana Resident
- ✓ Age 65 or older

- ✓ Income of less than \$1,011 per month (single) or \$1,364 per month (married)
- ✓ Do not have prescription drug coverage through an insurance plan or Medicaid (including a Medicaid spend-down) Please note that discount cards are **not** considered prescription drug coverage.

If you meet all the criteria, you will receive a Hoosier Rx Card to use at your local pharmacy. With the card, you will pay a lower rate on prescriptions and receive a 50% discount, up to a yearly benefit limit of \$500, \$750, or \$1,000 depending on your income.

Hoosier Rx differs from many state programs in that it does not consider your assets (how much money you have in the bank, stocks, bonds, life insurance, etc.). Only your income is considered for eligibility.

At your income level, you and your wife would each receive the 50% discount up to a limit of \$750. That would mean a total benefit of \$1,500. Hoosier Rx will not cover all your drug costs, but can definitely help.

Hoosier Rx is always accepting applications. You can call 1-866-267-4679 for an application and more information or visit the HoosierRx website at [www.in.gov/HoosierRx](http://www.in.gov/HoosierRx). Hoosier Rx has also partnered with SHIIP volunteers to provide free help in filling out the application forms. You can call your local SHIIP volunteer or the SHIIP hotline at 1-800-452-4800 or order online at [www.in.gov/idoi/shiip/continfo.html](http://www.in.gov/idoi/shiip/continfo.html).

SHIIP volunteers can also discuss other prescription assistance programs and ways to decrease your prescription drug costs. Depending on your income and assets, you may be eligible for other types of assistance that you are currently unaware of. SHIIP would also be happy to send you a **free** copy of our booklet *Finding Help with Prescriptions*. Call 1-800-452-4800 to order.

Address your questions to:

Ask SHIIP  
311 W. Washington Street  
Ste. 300  
Indianapolis, IN 46204  
Or [www.in.gov/shiip/idoi](http://www.in.gov/shiip/idoi)  
1-800-452-4800

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